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BLACK HERITAGE ART EVENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL

LOWELL, MASS. - As part of a month long celebration of Black culture, the University of Lowell has planned three important art events during February. The events, presented by the Black Heritage Committee and the campus art department, are sponsored by the University of Lowell's Division of Continuing Education as part of the Ethnic Symposia Series.

An exhibition of work by well-known African American artists opens Wednesday, February 7, with a reception from 4:00 - 8:00 PM in Gallery 410, located in the south campus Student Union Building. The exhibit appears through the courtesy of the African American Master Artists in Residency Program of Northeastern University.

Also opening on February 7 is an exhibition by African American art students from the campus which will be displayed in O'Leary Library, also on the south campus. Both exhibitions will be at the University until February 28.

On February 8 Professor Arnold Hurley presents a lecture, "Contemporary African American Images," at 11:00 AM in the visual media center of O'Leary Library.

The African American Masters are nationally known artists and educators from the Boston area. Established by Professor Dana Chandler with the support of Northeastern University President, Dr. Kenneth B. Ryder, "the program provides a living focus for the international third world and world community around the diverse dynamics of African-American aesthetics," says Chandler. The artists have received critical acclaim, recently being selected as the Boston Globe's "Critic's Choice" for an exhibition in Boston.

Thirteen artists are represented, including Ellen Banks, Calvin Burnett, Dana Chandler, Milton Derr, Tyrone Geter, Arnold Hurley, Reggie Jackson, Stanley Pinckney, Jim Reed, Rudy Robinson, Barbara Ward, John Wilson, and Theresa Young.

These paintings, prints, photographs, drawings, and sculptures will be on display in Gallery 410 weekdays, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Appointments are possible by calling the art department at 452-5000, extension 455.

On Thursday, February 8, Professor Arnold Hurley speaks about "Contemporary African American Images," at 11:00 AM in the visual media center, O'Leary Library. An informal discussion is planned following the lecture.

Hurley, a painter, draughtsman, and educator, holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Tufts University. He teaches at Emerson College and the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts, and previously taught at the University of Lowell. His work has been exhibited widely in New York, Boston, and the New England region. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The student exhibition includes works in a variety of media by Roland Fields, Standolyn Ragland, Anthony Robinson, and Kathryn Smith. In a city of Lowell art exhibition this past summer, Anthony Robinson won first prize for a portrait of Miles Davis. This show will be available for viewing during regular hours at O'Leary Library.

The south campus Student Union Building and O'Leary Library are located on Wilder Street, Lowell. For further information call the campus art department at 452-5000, extension 455.